

Joel 2: Even the Servants

Joel 2:18-32 (with Numbers 11:24-29 and Acts 2:14-18) · For posting on YouTube & Facebook. Use the overview for the description; add the prompt and links wherever they fit.

VIDEO OVERVIEW (post-ready)

Joel 2:28-29: “I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit.” In the Old Testament the Spirit came on a few people. Prophets, kings, judges. Mostly older men with titles. Moses wished it were different: “Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!” (Numbers 11:29). Joel says the day is coming when the Spirit lands on the slave girl the same as the prophet. Then on Pentecost Peter stands up in Jerusalem and says, “this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel.” And he tells us who poured it out: Jesus, **“exalted at the right hand of God”** (Acts 2:33). If you belong to Jesus, you’re not waiting on a second tier of the Spirit. **You’re living in Joel 2:28.**

GO DEEPER, STUDY PROMPT FOR VIEWERS

Read **Numbers 11:24-29**, then **Joel 2:28-29**, then **Acts 2:14-18**. Ask three questions: what did Moses want, what did Joel promise, and what does Peter say just happened? Then read **Acts 2:33** and **Acts 2:38-39** and notice who is doing the pouring and who the promise is for.

KEY PASSAGES REFERENCED

Where Acts quotes it: **Acts 2:16-21** (Peter quotes Joel 2:28-32 at Pentecost) · **Acts 2:33** (the exalted Jesus pours out the Spirit) · **Acts 2:38-39** (“the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off”) · **Acts 10:45** (“poured out even on the Gentiles”)

Elsewhere in the New Testament: **Luke 24:49** (“the promise of my Father”) · **Luke 3:16** (he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit) · **Galatians 3:28** (slave and free, male and female, one in Christ)

Rest of Scripture: **Numbers 11:29** (“Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets”) · **Ezekiel 36:26-27** (“I will put my Spirit within you”) · **Isaiah 44:3** (“I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring”)

RESOURCES & FURTHER READING

Peter’s Sermon, Part 1

R.C. Sproul · Ligonier Ministries (sermon)

<https://learn.ligonier.org/sermons/peters-sermon-part-1>

Sproul on Acts 2:13-24: Peter reads Joel and shows the Spirit poured out on the whole church, not just its leaders.